

CLAY HOLDS TRUMP

Would Tack Liquor Bills on Mail Subsidy Measure.

DELICATE SITUATION PROBABLE

Senators Will Be "Up Against It," Being Placed Between Two Fires, To-day's Session of Senate May Be Enlivened by Efforts of Diplomatic Solons to Find a Way Out.

A situation of novel character will confront members of the Senate to-day when the mail subsidy bill is brought up for final consideration and placed on its passage.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, will furnish a diversion calculated to send cold shivers down the backs of all those Senators who favor the bill and favor also a drastic law against the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

It is Senator Clay's purpose to offer amendments to the subsidy measure several bills intended to support the authorities of prohibition States in carrying out the anti-liquor laws.

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PARK BILL GOES OVER.

Senator Keen Obstructs Passage of Meridian Hill Measure.

Senator Scott yesterday asked unanimous consent in the Senate to consider the bill proposing to purchase ground in Hill and Elvan's division of Meridian Hill, on Sixteenth street, for the purpose of making a public park there.

When the bill had been read, Senator Keen made inquiry concerning it, and showed a disposition to oppose it.

Senator Keen, however, when he found that the land would cost considerable money, said he thought that it had better "go over."

CLEAR HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Senator Carter Says It Was Not to Blame in Bieber Case.

Senator Carter, of Montana, who has taken the initiative in developing the facts in relation to the Sidney Bieber case in the Senate, yesterday presented and asked to have inserted in the Record the statement made by Representative Barthold, chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, outlining the action of his committee in the Bieber case.

HAS AMENDMENT READY.

Senator Bacon May Renew Fight for Clerks in Senate To-morrow.

The legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bills were not considered in the Senate yesterday, owing to the fact that Senator La Follette did not conclude the second installment of his speech on the Aldrich bill until nearly 5 o'clock.

COCKRAN IS NOT SURE.

Doesn't Know Whether He Qualifies as Defined Democrat.

Representative Bourke Cockran made another of his frequent calls on the President yesterday afternoon.

To Repair Staunton Cemetery Road.

The bill presented in the House on February 12 last by Representative Flood, of Virginia, proposing to appropriate \$2,000 for the repair of the road to Staunton National Cemetery at Staunton, in Virginia, which is now embraced within the limits, and \$300 a year hereafter to keep the road in repair, was yesterday introduced in the Senate by Senator Mar-

Must Respect Uniform.

All to enforce respect for the uniform by men in any of the armed services of the United States was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Representative Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. It makes it a misdemeanor for any common carrier, innkeeper, or others providing public entertainment to decline to provide such uniform to enlisted men of the army, or the Marine Corps.

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YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Senator La Follette, in continuing his speech against the currency bill, arranged a charge of heart which he said Senator Aldrich had experienced with regard to the availability of certain bonds as investments.

HOUSE.

The Harrison resolution calling upon the President to inform the House by what authority he acts as boss of the Panama Canal Zone, was passed.

WANTS ITALIANS KEPT OUT.

Virginia Legislature's Resolutions Presented in the Senate.

Senator Martin, of Virginia, yesterday presented in the Senate three joint resolutions, adopted by the legislature of the Old Dominion.

One of the resolutions requests the Virginia Senators and Representatives in Congress to do all in their power to restrict the "influx into Virginia of immigrants from Southern Europe, with their Mafia and Black Hand and murder societies, and with no characteristics to make them, with us, homogeneous people, believing as we do, that upon Anglo-Saxon supremacy depends the future welfare and prosperity of this Commonwealth; and we view with alarm any effort that may tend to corrupt its citizenship."

Another resolution directs the Virginia Representatives to support the item in the pending fortifications bill proposing to fortify the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, and the third instructs them to support the good roads bill introduced by Representative Flood, of Virginia, which proposes that the surplus in the United States Treasury shall be distributed among the States and Territories and the District of Columbia, to be used in improving the public roads.

CUT IN PENSION AGENCIES

Eighteen Offices Dropped Off Pay Roll by the House.

Gen. Keifer, of Ohio, the veteran ex-Speaker of the House, in charge of the general pension appropriation bill, yesterday closed debate on that measure. It was devoted largely to a defense of the action of the Appropriations Committee in abolishing the eighteen pension agencies located throughout the country, and providing for all payments to be made by one agent.

It not only resulted in a saving of about \$14,000 a year in salaries, Gen. Keifer said, but in the opinion of the committee, it was better for the pensioners. Representative Taylor, of Ohio, where one of the eighteen agencies is now located, moved to retain all of them.

Contains Recommendation for Enforcement of Employers' Liability Law.

The pendulum has swung again. It is probable the President will send his already prepared special message to Congress.

WOULD RE-ENLIST NEGROES.

In line with the suggestion of President Roosevelt, Senator Warner, of Missouri, yesterday introduced a bill intended to permit the re-enlistment in the army of former negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were discharged without honor by the President on the ground that they participated in or entered into "a conspiracy of silence" with reference to the shooting affray at Brownsville, Tex., in August, 1906.

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SNYDER'S SHOWING

Of Spring Suits and Overcoats merits the inspection of those who appreciate rich and distinctive fabrics. Many of the patterns are exclusive novelties.

Memorial to Alabama Senators.

Senator Burkhead, of Alabama, yesterday gave notice in the Senate that on Saturday, April 11, he would ask, immediately after the routine morning business, that the Senate "pause long enough to pay tribute" to the late Senators from Alabama, Messrs. Morgan and Pettus.

RAPS THE PRESIDENT

House Really Wants to Know Some Things.

WHY HE BOSSES PANAMA ZONE

Harrison Resolution, Calling Upon Executive to Explain His Bossing, Is Passed—John Sharp Williams Says the President Acted Without Constitutional Authority.

An attack upon President Roosevelt was made in the House yesterday by Representative Francis B. Harrison, of New York, who charged the President with exceeding his authority in the government of the Panama Canal Zone.

The House had under consideration a resolution calling upon the President to inform it "by what authority he has exercised the functions of government in the Canal Zone since the expiration of the Fifty-eighth Congress."

There was an anomalous condition in the Canal Zone, Mr. Harrison said. The President was exercising executive, legislative, and judicial functions there without being empowered to do so by Congress.

It was an assumption of imperialism, Mr. Harrison charged. The speaker read a number of orders issued by the President promulgating laws governing the Canal Zone, among them one abolishing municipal government there.

"Here is one," said Mr. Harrison, reading an order relating to immigration into Panama, "that is remarkable, among other things, because in it was employed the simplified spelling system."

"What was the President to do in the absence of legislative authority to form a government in the Canal Zone?" inquired Mr. Harrison.

"I will answer," said he. "He might have employed the big stick and thus secured results."

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Senator Smoot, of Utah, a member of the committee, defended the committee's action in making no distinction between church and other property. Senator Bailey observed that the destruction of church property was mere vandalism.

CONGRESS MAY GET MESSAGE

President Intimates Purpose to Transmit It, Anyway.

The message contains several recommendations, among them those for the enactment of an employers' liability law and amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law. The Sherman law is complained of not only by the "good trusts," but by Samuel Gompers and the other leaders of the American Federation of Labor.

Seth Low, who has been in conference with President Roosevelt in regard to the Sherman law as applied to labor unions in the Danbury haters' case, left Washington for New York yesterday afternoon.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEEMEN RUN

Must Hurry from Office Building to Consider Pension Appropriations.

The members of the House District Committee, after playing with the Campbell anti-gambling bill for some minutes in the morning, and making a few mild observations thereupon after 2 yesterday afternoon, fled from the bright room in the office building to the House, there to lend their weight to the pension appropriation bill. Nothing, therefore, was done at the morning session.

At the morning session the committee took up the Campbell bill in sections, that is, sections of the committee took up the bill. A substitute to this bill, which forbids the birds to sing on wagers, was offered by Representative Sims, of Tennessee. Mr. Sims' measure would obviate the mile-limit clause of the present law, and would have a good chance of passing the House, a thing which most people believe the other bill cannot do.

The committee tried to take up the public service commission bill, but evidently there was a House divided against itself loitering about, for nothing came of the proposition.

On Wednesday, the 25th, the committee will listen to arguments on the resolution to repeal the gas-inflation clause of the present District statutes. The "dry" will have another hearing on the question of District prohibition on April 1.

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Mr. Stevens is a member of the Washington bureau of the Minneapolis Journal and the Seattle Times. He began his newspaper work in Washington fifteen years ago as a member of the staff of the San Francisco Examiner.

He also represented the Buffalo Times and other Eastern and Western papers during the strenuous days of the fight of the Pacific railroad to have their debt to the government funded into 2 per cent bonds, and during the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Stevens has been attached to the staff of the Minneapolis Journal since 1896, of the Seattle Times since 1905, and for the past four years has represented the Oshkosh (Wis.) Northwestern.

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ALDRICH HAS VEERED

Turned Completely Around in Year, Says La Follette.

OPPOSED BONDS NOW FAVORED

Wisconsin Senator Declares Chairman of Finance Committee Objected to Use of State and Municipal Bonds, Now in His Bill—Believes Them Wedge for Railroad Bonds.

Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, author of the currency bill which has been under consideration in the Senate since February 10 last, was put in a somewhat peculiar light yesterday by Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, when the latter continued his speech in opposition to the Aldrich bill.

Senator La Follette quoted from a speech which the Senator from Rhode Island made last year in the Senate during the debate on an amendment proposed by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, providing for the payment of interest by national banks on deposits of government money, and for the use of State and municipal bonds as collateral for such deposits.

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